

Pastor to Pastors
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Dane is present at camp for the purpose of ministering to the Youth Pastors and leaders who come to camp. Below is a letter from Dane explaining more of why he is at camp.

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Hey Arizona Yuth Kamp Workers!

Way ahead of time this year, I wanted to take a minute to introduce myself to you who will be bringing young people to Cal Baptist in July – whether you are youth ministers or adult workers serving a group from your church family. At camp there will be formal introductions, but those don't usually reach everyone, and it is often mid-week before folks realize what the camp staff has me there for!

So, here it is early! For five summers, it has been a great privilege for me to be “camp minister to youth workers.” The last three summers, my wife, Mary C., was also able to be there – a good thing for me and even better for some of you who were able to talk to her during the week. Our sole (soul?) purpose is to be your servants, your listening ears, your crying shoulders, and encouraging hands to your sometimes weary hearts.

If you come to camp with young people in trouble spiritually and emotionally and just need someone to process how best to “be there” for them, we will be glad to talk to you. Perhaps, you are the one with a heavy heart. It might be something in the life of your church that you just don't feel comfortable right then talking about with your own church family – we'll be glad to listen. Or, maybe you just are having a bad hair week – please, let us know! We promise to listen and respond with grace and to pray all week for you if you'll let us in on what is happening.

Both Mary C. and I have had long treks as both lay folks working with young people and as professional Christians – that's youth ministry and pastoral work when we get paid for it! We have raised three children ourselves, have served in large church settings with lots of resources and small, poor and out of the way congregations where creativity and energy were really important.

If you know already that you are headed to camp this summer, let us hear from you. You can contact me easiest by email or phone at the above addresses. Can't wait to meet you face to face in July!

In grace and peace,

Dane Miller